

# OFFICERS RESIGN WHEN ORDERED TO MARCH ON ULSTER

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# ENTRANCE OF KING AS PEACEMAKER

## Government Embarrassed by Disaffection, but Ultimatum Is Not Issued—No Breach of Peace in Ireland—Mobilization Details Perfected at War Council in Belfast.

London, March 21.—The government's military precautions to preserve order in Ulster have precipitated a crisis without parallel in the history of the British army. Rather than be placed in a position where they might be called upon to act against the Ulster covenanted, numbers of officers have resigned their commissions.

While the War Office refuses to say how many have resigned, popular belief is that the number of withdrawals has crippled the whole military organization in Ireland and prevented carrying out the order for moving several large bodies of troops.

The Marquis of Londonderry, an Ulster leader, to-night said that nothing of the sort had occurred in the British army since the days of the American Revolution.

Public curiosity is at fever heat over the question of how the government is to deal with the resignations. The Liberal sentiment is that the officers should be court-martialed. Many Conservatives argue that the situation amounts to civil war, and that the officers should have liberty to choose which faction they should ally themselves with.

**King as Peacemaker.**  
The entrance of King George on the scene as peacemaker was the dramatic event of the day. The King held long conferences with the Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, the Secretary of State, Mr. Balfour, the Secretary of War, Mr. Curzon, and several other high officials. He afterwards summoned Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who has been criticized by Liberals for utterances considered as encouragement to the rebel forces.

From the palace the veteran field marshal drove directly to the War Office, where he had a long talk with the Secretary of War, Mr. Curzon, and several other high officials of the staff coming and going throughout the day.

In the meantime the troop movement continued in Ireland. The centre of interest has shifted to Curragh, twenty-five miles from Dublin, where the Third Cavalry Brigade, under Colonel Rolfe, is stationed. General Sir John Dill, commanding the forces in Ireland, spent the day in camp. He held a conference with fifty officers of the Curragh, Dublin, Kildare and Newbridge garrisons, and ordered the disbanding of the Curragh, but that these could not be carried into execution because nearly all the officers had resigned. Orders for the disbanding of the Curragh, but that these could not be carried into execution because nearly all the officers had resigned.

**Information Refused.**  
According to some reports, the military men have examined and refused information, but the dispatches say that the resignations from Curragh forces number forty. Other advisers place the number at 100.

The government is embarrassed by the disaffection which even exists among the officers who continue on duty, for the army is officered from the aristocratic families and the great majority of the aristocratic class sympathize with the Ulster cause.

Among those published and denied were reports that the government had issued an ultimatum to the officers, giving them twelve hours to decide whether to obey orders, and that two companies of the Dorsetshire Regiment in Belfast had thrown down their arms.

A Dublin message to the London Press Association says the officers refused to obey orders, and that many of those who have undertaken to go to Ulster have done so on condition that they are not to carry arms against the Ulstermen.

Throughout the two days' crisis Ireland has not witnessed a day of peace anywhere. If Sunday passes without rioting, officials will draw a sigh of relief. The Nationalists, acting on the advice of John Redmond, have abandoned their parade in Londonderry, which would have been almost certain to result in clashes with Orangemen.

**To Prevent Outbursts.**  
To prevent outbursts, the police in Ireland have been told not to take any steps to enforce the gun license act in case members of the "Ulster Volunteers" are seen carrying rifles in camp or elsewhere. The act empowers the authorities to seize all unlicensed firearms.

It was thought in many quarters to-day that if the government would concede to give the counties of Ulster perpetual local option on the question of home rule, instead of compelling them to come under the Dublin Parliament at the end of six years, a way out of the present difficulty would be found.

The Nationalists always have contended that the Ulstermen were glad to join the home rule scheme once it had been demonstrated that their fears of unfair treatment were unfounded.

"Liberals will not flinch one inch before the arrogant and insolent plague of Toryism" was the message conveyed to-day by Chancellor Lloyd George to a meeting of Liberals at Huddersfield. The chancellor was talking about Ulster and the attitude of the Unionists. He said: "The country is confronted with the gravest issue in the history of democratic government since the days of the Stuart Representative government in this land is at stake. I am here, on behalf of the government, to say we mean to confront this defiance of popular liberties with resolute and unflinching determination."

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# DECLINE IN IMPORTS

## Foreign Trade Figures Show Result of New Tariff.

Washington, March 21.—Imports into the United States in the five months since the new tariff became effective were less than in the corresponding months one year ago, according to preliminary foreign trade figures announced to-day by the Department of Commerce. In the five months, beginning with last October, goods valued at \$269,912,848 were imported, compared with \$708,165,934 in the same period one year ago.

A slight increase in imports and a decrease of 10 per cent in exports is shown in last February's preliminary figures, compared with that month in 1913. The total foreign trade for the month amounted to \$222,745,479, with a balance in favor of the United States of \$23,571,457. The trade balance for the year ending with February amounted to \$656,568,908, or \$56,887,267 more than in the twelve months ending with February, 1913.

# RESOLUTION NOT PRIVILEGED

## Murray Fails in Effort to Call on Page for Explanation of London Speech.

Washington, March 21.—Efforts of Representative Murray, of Oklahoma, to call on his resolution requiring the State Department to transmit to the House facts bearing on the recent London speech of Ambassador Page, failed to-day.

Mr. Murray contended that the resolution was privileged, and as the Foreign Affairs Committee had not reported it, he sought to call it up.

Speaker Clark ruled that as the resolution called for "opinions and conclusions," it was not privileged. "I don't know," said the Speaker, "whether the State Department knows what its policy is or not, or whether it knows what its policy will be to-morrow or next year, or fifty years from now. Certainly a statement on this point could be no more than an opinion."

# MAXIM GORKY ACCUSED

## Russian Novelist May Be Tried on Charge of Blasphemy.

St. Petersburg, Russia, March 21.—Court proceedings will be brought immediately against Maxim Gorky, the Russian novelist, on a charge of blasphemy, according to an order issued to-day by the public prosecutor of the District Court of St. Petersburg.

Gorky, who is suffering from tuberculosis, declared that his friends had been contracted during the incarceration in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, in his present state of health, he is unable to return to his home in the island of Capri, after an eight-year exile.

A charge of blasphemy was preferred against Gorky in 1905 in connection with his novel, "Mother," in which he is alleged to have insulted the Russian emperor, Nicholas II. The Russian law would be to exile to Siberia, which in his present state of health, his friends believe, would be equivalent to a sentence of death.

# PRAISES CATHOLIC PRATICE

## Methodist Bishop Commends Salutation of Places of Worship.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Newark, N. J., March 21.—Bishop Luther E. Wilson, of Newark, who is presiding over the Newark conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in a sermon in the Halsey Street Church, in Newark, to-day said to the delegates:

"I see many times Catholic men lift their hats as they pass their places of worship. I would that you and I had a word to say to them, and I would that we should show them the reverence, not alone to our own places, but to all places of worship. And I commend this to you for your consideration."

# PRIZED BY M'ADOO

## Pretty Sketch of White House Lot by Miss Eleanor Wilson.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, March 21.—A pretty sketch in watercolor by Miss Eleanor Wilson, of the vista across the White lot, the fountain, and the Washington Monument in the distance is said to be the property of Secretary McAdoo's most prized possession.

Miss Wilson inherits artistic talent from her mother, and has a large portfolio full of attractive sketches and paintings. Washington scenes she has made since she came here.

While in Cornish last summer, Miss Wilson and her mother both made a number of landscape studies of the White House, and in the law school of the University of Virginia.

# DELEGATE KILLED BY AUTO

## Pringle T. Youmans, of Columbia, Victim of Fatal Accident.

Columbia, S. C., March 21.—Pringle T. Youmans, lawyer of Columbia, a member of the Richmond County delegation to the General Assembly, was killed to-night by an automobile driven by Davis, a garage owner, who was held at the result of an inquest to-day.

Mr. Youmans was fifty-five years old. He was married in August three weeks ago to Mrs. May Bronson, of Columbia. He was a member of the law firm of Youmans, Attorney-General of South Carolina, and was a student with the law school of the University of Virginia.

# FAVORABLE ACTION EXPECTED

## Appropriation of \$50,000 for Wireless Research Laboratory Expected.

Washington, March 21.—The House Appropriation Committee to-day is expected to pass an act for the appropriation of \$50,000 for the establishment here of a wireless research laboratory.

Secretaries Daniels, Garrison and McAdoo are expected to interest the committee in the project, and pointing out the desirability of the project. Acting Secretary of Agriculture wrote that the Weather Bureau contemplated sending wireless storm warnings to vessels in the Gulf of Mexico, and that any advancement in wireless communication would help that bureau.

It was expected that the act would be passed to-day, and that it would be signed by the President.

# SOUTHERN TRAINS IN MAIN STREET STATION APRIL

## President Fairfax Harrison Announces Plans for Big Development.

# WILL ERECT NEW FREIGHT DEPOT

## Outlines Features of Extensive Southern Railway Improvements—Announcement Revives Project for Two-Station Plan and for Widening Fourteenth Street.

Southern Railway passenger trains on both the Danville and West Point divisions will begin the use of Main Street Station on April 1. The present Southern Railway passenger station on Fourteenth Street, near Cary, is to be demolished at once to make way for an extensive new freight station and yards. It was exclusively announced in The Times-Dispatch of last Sunday that plans to put this change into effect were being worked out. The following official statement was issued by President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway Company, yesterday:

"On April 1 next, the Southern Railway Company will transfer its passenger service to the Main Street Station, now occupied by the Chesapeake and Ohio and Seaboard Air Line, constituting that station its passenger terminal in Richmond.

"Immediately thereafter, the present passenger station of the Southern Railway Company, on Fourteenth Street, will be removed and the space now occupied by the passenger facilities will be devoted to the construction of modern and adequate freight terminals. The plan is to construct on Fourteenth Street an outdoor freight house of brick, with an office building on the second story, the freight house being in dimensions 49 x 150 feet. Adjacent to this building will be loading tracks and hold twenty-five cars, and team track facilities to accommodate approximately thirty cars. The tracks into the present freight houses will be rearranged, and one of the present freight houses will be used for loading freight and the other for handling tobacco.

"On the south side of the river opposite Belle Isle a new storage yard, with a capacity of 320 cars, is being constructed. At South Richmond the system of yard tracks is being rearranged, increasing the capacity approximately 150 cars, and a new combination freight and passenger station, 50 x 175 feet, is being constructed with the necessary house tracks, and new team tracks having a capacity of approximately 100 cars.

"The truck property, storage tracks are to be immediately constructed to hold approximately 100 cars, so arranged that other tracks can be laid on the same property as business demands.

"It is believed that all of these facilities will put the Southern Railway Company in a position adequately to handle promptly and efficiently its present and prospective business, as well as to prevent hereafter such congestion as the present terminals have suffered during the past winter. All of the work will be pushed to a conclusion as early as possible, and the new facilities into service at the earliest possible moment."

**Connections Already Made.**  
It is understood that the necessary physical connections have already been made, by which Southern Railway trains from the South can be switched to the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line in South Richmond, and enter Main Street Station, and vice versa.

There is already a connection at the foot of Chimborazo Park, by which the West Point trains can be switched to the Chesapeake and Ohio viaduct.

When passenger station plans were under discussion some months ago, it was intimated that the Southern would prefer to enter Main Street Station, and would probably not consider any plan for an out-of-town station. The two station plan was then advanced, and is still under consideration, proposing that Main Street Station be enlarged and improved for the use of the Chesapeake and Ohio, Seaboard Air Line and Southern, and that the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, Atlantic Coast Line, and Norfolk and Western use the proposed new \$100,000 terminal at the foot of Chimborazo Park.

This part of the project has been allowed to lie dormant for some time, but as the West End station plan has been abandoned, the two station plan, the improvement of the station, and the widening of the street, will be pushed in the near future.

**Will Make Large Expenditure.**  
The immediate reason for the change, as announced by President Harrison, of the Southern, is the desire of that railroad to improve its freight facilities, and prevent the congestion which has seriously handicapped shipping by the Southern Railway in recent months.

President Harrison does not state in his announcement the cost of the changes proposed, but it is stated that very large sums will be expended on new freight yards and equipment, which will bring the freight facilities of this city up to the latest modern standard. It will be recalled that the Atlantic Coast Line has recently acquired a large tract between Seventh and Ninth Streets, south of Byrd, for enlargement of its freight yard.

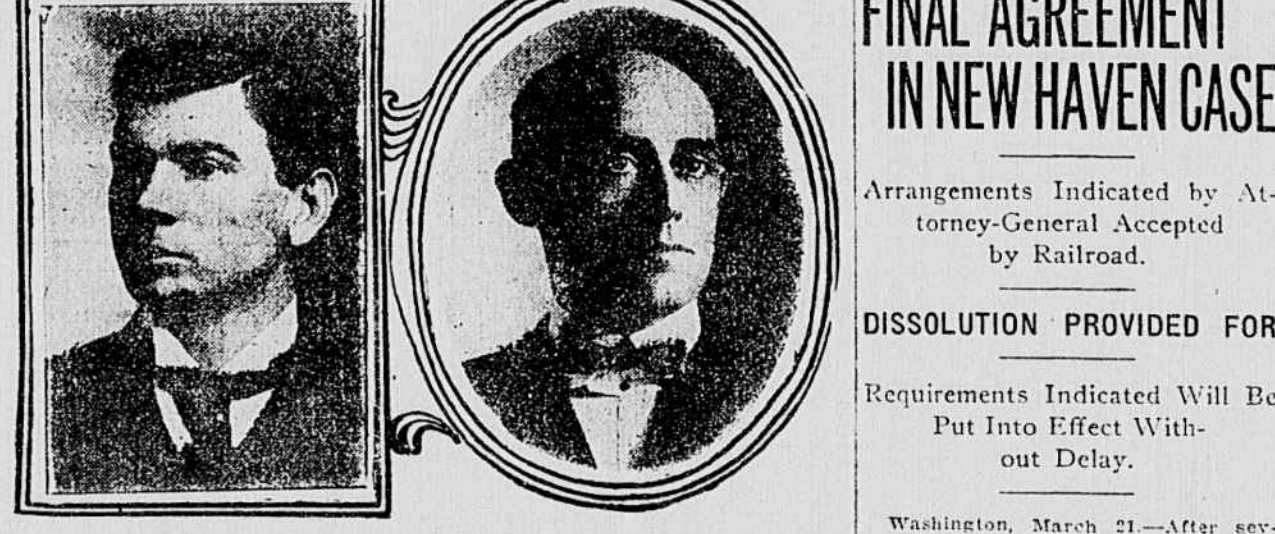
Removal of the present Southern Station building will open the way for the immediate widening of Fourteenth Street from the new Mayo Bridge to the foot of the station, the widening being the only expensive piece of construction now in the way.

**Schooner Is Abandoned.**  
Key West, Fla., March 21.—The three-masted schooner S. C. Haskell, of Boston, is reported abandoned and waterlogged in latitude 27-30, north longitude 81-17 west, according to a wireless message received here to-day. Captain Muettrick, of the Steigerwald, said in his message that the derelict is a menace to navigation.

# VIRGINIA NOMINATIONS SENT TO SENATE



J. G. Saunders, to be United States Marshal for Eastern District. Norman R. Hamilton, to be Solicitor of Customs at Norfolk. R. E. Byrd, to be U. S. District Attorney for Western District.



R. C. L. Moncure, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for Eastern District. J. M. Hart, to be Collector of Internal Revenue for Western District.

# STABBED TO DEATH IN VILLA'S OFFICE

## Commission Appointed by Carranza Investigates Killing of William S. Benton.

## FIERRO TO BE PUNISHED

Arrest of Rebel Officer Is Reported, but Confirmation Is Lacking.

## Rebels Enter Bermejillo

El Paso, Texas, March 21.—Official dispatches from General Villa at Bermejillo, state that the rebels entered that city this afternoon after a hard fight. The rebels found the dead and wounded, the dispatch adds, and gave the Confederationist loss as being one captain and two private soldiers. Most of the Federal wounded, it is said, were removed by their comrades.

Washington, March 21.—William S. Benton, the British subject, was not shot by General Villa, but was stabbed to death in Villa's office at Juarez, according to reports received here. Major Rudolf Fierro, according to the findings thus far of the special Mexican commission, appointed by General Carranza to investigate Benton's death.

British Consul Perceval, who has left El Paso for his post at Galveston, has forwarded a report to the British embassy here, which it is understood, corroborates the finding of the Mexican commission to the extent that Benton was stabbed, but does not clearly establish it, it is said, by whom the act was committed. This report is expected here on Monday.

The British government, as well as the State Department here is awaiting the report of the Mexican commission, which it is thought, may be made early next week, as General Carranza is expected to arrive in Juarez on Monday. Roberto V. Pesquera, confidential agent of the Constitutionalists at Washington, is en route to Juarez to meet General Carranza in connection with the Benton case.

**Will Be Charged With Crime.**  
That Major Fierro will be charged with the crime and punished is the expectation of many Mexicans here. They explain General Villa's story of a court-martial as an effort to shield Fierro, who is said to be his district relative. The Carranza commission, however, is reported to have declared its purpose of punishing Fierro, definitely.

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# Service!

It will interest the readers, and especially those who advertise in The Times-Dispatch, to know that to-day this paper printed nearly 37,000 papers.

This fact proves that the people of Richmond and of this section appreciate that The Times-Dispatch is faithfully serving the public.

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# PRESIDENT NAMES FIVE VIRGINIANS FOR FEDERAL JOBS

## Nominations End Struggle Between Factions in This State.

# TWO BIG OFFICES REMAIN UNFILLED

## Names of Saunders, of Richmond; Byrd, of Winchester; Moncure, of Hamilton and Hart Sent to Senate—Mann Likely to Defeat Smith for District Attorney.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, March 21.—Breaking this long period of more than a year of in-difference and condemnation of candidates, and expectancy, combined with mixed feelings of hope and disappointment on the part of the many candidates and their friends, President Wilson to-day sent to the Senate the nominations of men for five of the seven big Federal offices in Virginia. In the list were the following:

John G. Saunders, of Richmond, to be United States marshal for the Eastern District.  
Richard Evelyn Byrd, of Winchester, to be United States district attorney for the Western District.

Richard C. L. Moncure, to be collector of internal revenue for the Eastern District.  
Norman R. Hamilton, of Norfolk, to be collector of customs at Norfolk.  
John M. Hart, of Roanoke, to be collector of internal revenue for the Western District.

**Bureau May Be Nominated.**  
It was the general expectation that Thomas Burch, of Martinsville, would be nominated in the same group to be marshal for the Western District. The Department, however, said no charges had been brought against him, and it is believed he will be nominated Monday or Tuesday.

Of the five nominations, the first four are made upon the recommendation of Senator Byrd and Swanson, and the fifth member of the delegation, while the last, that of Hart, was upon the endorsement of Congressman Glass principally and Congressman Jones and Montague.

Hart's nomination, which really is considered a mark of esteem and appreciation by President Wilson and Secretary McAdoo of Glass's efforts in behalf of the passage of the administration's currency bill, is nomination follows numerous conferences held by the President with the different factions, during which the Senators made known their opposition to Hart, and their desire for another man named. At first they suggested the appointment of Peyton St. Clair, but after he was turned down, they named Attorney-General Rufus A. Ayres, of the Ninth District, and they still insist that he should have been appointed, owing to the great help it would have been to the election of H. Tate Irvine as Democratic Congressman in the Ninth.

It has been seen, however, that the Senators would reject the suggestion of Hart, and it is not yet beyond possibility. Senator Swanson said today that he and Senator Martin would give for consideration to Hart's nomination, but he went on to say that still maintained in some circles that Hart's confirmation is impossible, and that Ayres or some other man urged by the President would be appointed.

**One Big Appointment Remains.**  
The only big appointment yet to be filled, considering it as settled that Burch will be appointed marshal in the Western District, is that of district attorney for the Eastern District. Lewis, undoubtedly go to Richard Mann, of Petersburg. It was decided many months ago that this office would go to Congressman Watson's district, and the fight has been between Bohannon and Mann, both of Petersburg. Bohannon was well in the lead for a while, until the Department of Justice decided in the case of Hiram Smith, assistant district attorney, and candidate for re-election to district attorney, that it wanted to appoint men older than young Smith. This same rule would work equally against Bohannon, and it is generally understood that he had anything else to do with the matter, he had not reached the required age. District Attorney Groner was appointed but two years ago to succeed the late Charles P. Hall, of Newports News, as collector of customs.

**Jones Not Satisfied.**  
From more than one standpoint the administration has committed an irretrievable blunder, it was Mr. Jones's only contention except the suggestion that later he may issue a full statement regarding the matter.

Mr. Montague, the other member of the anti-machine group, endorsed Saunders, and has been very much satisfied with the nominations this afternoon, although he declined to discuss the matter.

Mr. Jones's loss is attributable more than anything else to the fact that when overtures were made by the other Congressman with a view to equitably distribute the patronage, Mr. Jones declined to be a party to any conference or arrangement.

All five nominations will probably be confirmed at the same time, possibly on Wednesday.

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# Two Vacancies in State Senate

The appointments are among the most important to be made in Virginia during this administration, and have been under discussion for nearly a year. The Senate, it is stated, have had the result of repeatedly delaying final action. The appointments, if confirmed, will have the effect of creating two vacancies in the State Senate, which must be filled before the special session on tax reform.

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